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### **District Man Sentenced to 19 Months In Prison For Assaulting Employee Outside Day Care Center -Defendant Attacked Security Employee in Failed Attempt to Get to Girlfriend -**

WASHINGTON – Robert Leake, 31, of Washington, D.C., has been sentenced to 19 months in prison for an assault that took place earlier this year outside a day care center, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Leake pled guilty in April 2011 to a charge of attempted assault with a dangerous weapon. He was sentenced on June 30, 2011 by the Honorable Ann O'Regan Keary in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Upon completion of his prison term, Leake will be placed on three years of supervised release.

According to the government's evidence, on February 28, 2011, Leake drove his then-girlfriend to her place of employment, a day care center in the 2200 block of Savannah Street SE. While in the car, they argued about their relationship. After his then-girlfriend went inside to work, Leake approached the building and asked a day care employee who was guarding the door to tell her to come back outside. When told that his then-girlfriend was working and could not come out, Leake grew angry. Over the next few hours, he called the center multiple times, repeatedly blew his car horn in the parking lot, and made several explicit threats to the staff, including threats to slash the employees' car tires and to blow up the place.

At approximately 3:30 p.m., as a parent was entering the day care center, Leake attempted to force his way past the employee securing the door. When the employee grabbed Leake, the defendant took an object from his waistband area and thrust it towards the employee's abdomen twice. Multiple employees witnessed the attack. The employee survived without injury.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended Detective Timothy Francis and Officers Gregory Archer, Rodney Butler, and Michael Bridgett of the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Seventh District, who were involved in the arrest and investigation of this

case, and the many community witnesses who participated in the investigation process. Finally, U.S. Attorney Machen expressed his appreciation to Legal Assistant Charmonique Price, who assisted in the preparation of the case for indictment, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Mervin A. Bourne, Jr., who investigated and prosecuted the case.

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